

Image

RCE#
2825

PATENT

I hereby certify that on the date specified below, this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

February 19, 2004
Date

Phoebe E. Pogson
Phoebe E. Pogson

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/652,580 Confirmation No. : 4283
Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal
Filed : August 31, 2000 Attorney Docket No. : 501082.16
Art Unit : 2825 Customer No. : 27,076
Examiner : Caridad Everhart
Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A
CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Mail Stop RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Submission previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 8, 2003.
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. ☐ Consider the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) previously filed on _____.

- b. ☐ Submission enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

2. Suspension of Action (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.

3. Accompanying Papers

- ☒ Postcard
☒ Check
☒ Fee Transmittal Sheet
☐ Petition

4. Deposit Account

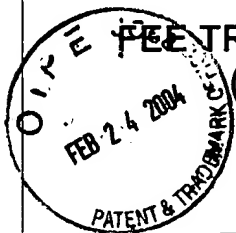
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1266.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 2/19/04

By: Steven H. Arterberry
Steven H. Arterberry
Reg. No. 46,314
Customer No. 27,076
Dorsey & Whitney LLP
1420 Fifth Avenue, Suite 3400
Seattle, WA 98101
(206) 903-8787
Attorney for Applicant

h:\ip\documents\clients\micron technology\1000\501082.16\501082.16 rce trans.doc



FEE TRANSMITTAL SHEET (FOR FY 2004)

| Complete if Known | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Application No. | 09/652,580 |
| Filing Date | August 31, 2000 |
| First Named Inventor | Vishnu K. Agarwal |
| Group Art Unit | 2825 |
| Examiner | Caridad Everhart |
| Atty. Docket Number | 501082.16 |

FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description | Fee paid |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|----------|--|---------------|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | | |
| 1051 | 130 | 2051 | 65 | Surcharge - Late filing fee or oath | \$ |
| 1052 | 50 | 2052 | 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | \$ |
| 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | \$ |
| 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For Filing a Request for <i>ex parte</i> Reexamination | \$ |
| 1804 | 920 | 1804 | 920 | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | \$ |
| 1805 | 1,840 | 1805 | 1,840 | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | \$ |
| 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | \$ |
| 1252 | 420 | 2252 | 210 | Extension for reply within 2 nd month | \$ |
| 1253 | 950 | 2253 | 475 | Extension for reply within 3 rd month | \$ |
| 1254 | 1,480 | 2254 | 740 | Extension for reply within 4 th month | \$ |
| 1255 | 2,010 | 2255 | 1,005 | Extension for reply within 5 th month | \$ |
| 1401 | 330 | 2401 | 165 | Notice of Appeal | \$ |
| 1402 | 330 | 2402 | 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | \$ |
| 1403 | 290 | 2403 | 145 | Request for oral hearing | \$ |
| 1814 | 110 | 2814 | 55 | Terminal Disclaimer Fee | \$ |
| 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | \$ |
| 1453 | 1,330 | 2453 | 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | \$ |
| 1501 | 1,330 | 2501 | 665 | Utility/Reissue issue fee | \$ |
| 1502 | 480 | 2502 | 240 | Design issue fee | \$ |
| 1503 | 640 | 2503 | 320 | Plant issue fee | \$ |
| 1460 | 130 | 1460 | 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | \$ |
| 1807 | 50 | 1807 | 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | \$ |
| 1806 | 180 | 1806 | 180 | Submission of IDS | \$ |
| 8021 | 40 | 8021 | 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | \$ |
| 1801 | 770 | 2801 | 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | \$ 770 |
| Other fee (specify) | | | | | \$ |
| | | | | Subtotal (3) | \$ 770 |

Total Amount of Payment: \$ 770

1. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and 1.136(a)(3) and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No.: 50-1266; Deposit Account Name: DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP

2. ☒ Check Enclosed

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description |
|---------------------|----------|--------------|----------|---|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | |
| 1001 | 770 | 2001 | 385 | <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Filing Fee |
| 1002 | 340 | 2002 | 170 | <input type="checkbox"/> Design Filing Fee |
| 1003 | 530 | 2003 | 265 | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Filing Fee |
| 1004 | 770 | 2004 | 385 | <input type="checkbox"/> Reissue Filing Fee |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | <input type="checkbox"/> Provisional Filing Fee |
| Subtotal (1) | | | | \$ 0 |

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Current Claims | Prior | Extra | Fee | Fee Paid |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------------|-------------|
| Total | 24 | - 24 | = 0 x \$ 18 | = \$ 0 |
| Ind. | 3 | - 3 | = 0 x \$ 86 | = \$ 0 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | | | x \$ | = \$ |
| Subtotal (2) | | | | \$ 0 |

| Large Entity | | Small Entity | | Fee Description |
|--------------|----------|--------------|----------|---|
| Fee Code | Fee (\$) | Fee Code | Fee (\$) | |
| 1202 | 18 | 2202 | 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 1201 | 86 | 2201 | 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 | 290 | 2203 | 145 | Multiple dependent Claim |
| 1204 | 86 | 2204 | 43 | Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 | 18 | 2205 | 9 | Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

Submitted by:

Name: Steven H. Arterberry Reg. No.: 46,314 Telephone: (206) 903-8800

Signature: Steven Arterberry Date: 2/19/04